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remainder should be taken over by the Government, we have been advised that this kind of provision will be subject to objection and therefore we deeply considered this question and we decided that the arrears of rent should be reduced in the same way as current rent and we provided for the payment of the reduced rent for faslis 1356 and 1357 and the rest of the outstanding arrears will be wiped out under the present Bill. We have also provided that it is open to the tenant to clear the outstanding arrears within two years from the time of the notification. I know that a number of landholders are misusing the money collected for the current year by rent and then it is being credited for old arrears. There are certain people doing like that and also certain people, because of the law of limitation, are forced to go to the court of law. I will once again examine all these aspects and will take such steps as will be necessary. I now move that the Bill be passed into law."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

'*that the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Bill*, 1947 (*L.A. Bill No.* 37 *of* 1947) *as passed by the Assembly be passed into law* '."

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(2) THE MADRAS BUILDINGS (LEASE AND RENT CONTROL) AMENDMENT BILL, 1948 (L.A. BILL No. 24 OF 1948).

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" Sir, I move—

'*that this House concurs in setting up a Joint Select Committee of the two Houses consisting of* 21 *members* (14 *members from the Assembly and* 7 *members from the Council*) *to consider the Madras Buildings* (*Lease and Rent Control*) *Amendment Bill*, 1948 (*L.A. Bill No.* 24 *of* 1948). ' "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Does the Hon. Minister want to explain the objects or the provisions of the Bill? "

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" Sir, we are only appointing a Select Committee to go into the whole question. The Bill was published in April and though we did not call for any criticism from the public, we have received a number of representations. Quite a big number of voluminous representations have come to us and they have to be considered. I do not want to go into the details of the Bill at this stage and after the report of the Select Committee is received, I will go into the details. I only move the motion that seven members be nominated from this House."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is that this House concurs in setting up a Joint Select Committee of the two Houses consisting of 21 members (14 members from the Assembly and 7 members from the Council) to consider the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Amendment Bill, 1948 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 1948)."

The motion was carried.

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are we at liberty to discuss the principles? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Whether the hon. Members agree with the Bill or not, they can say."

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" I now move—

' *that the following members of this House be nominated to the said Joint Select Committee* :—

The Hon. Dr. S. Gurubatham.

The Hon. Sri K. Madhava Menon.

Sri S. B. Adityan.

Dr. Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur.

Sri K. Natarajan.

Dr. Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar.

Sri S. Jayarama Reddi.' "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

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Sri S. Jayarama Reddi.' "

The motion was carried.

(3) THE LAND ACQUISITION (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1948 (L A. BILL No. 26 OF 1948).

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" I beg to move—

' *that the Land Acquisition (Madras Amendment) Bill,* 1948 (*L.A. Bill No.* 26 *of* 1948), *as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration at once.*'

Sir, this is a short Bill intended to give power to the Government to take emergent procedure so that for certain public purposes, the land can be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act now in vogue. There are two types of acquisition, the emergency acquisition as well as the normal acquisition. Now that we have become a Positive State, we have to do many things. We have to acquire certain lands and give them to the Harijans for constructing houses and if the normal procedure is to be followed, the proposals made in 1942 will not be executed even in 1948 because a long procedure has to be gone through in this matter. Therefore, Sir, we have thought it necessary to amend the Act. Under clause 2, certain lands can be acquired by means of a swifter process. I think there would be no objection to take such a step because it will be